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## RITH AND POINT

—A shoemaker advertised "medicinal boots;" the virtue was in the heel.—

ed).—"Yes, madam. Will you take it with you or have it sent?"—*Harper's Bazar*.

—Statistics show that girls who work in a match factory do not get married any quicker than those who work at other places.—*Pittsburgh Chronicle*.

—If the law prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons were generally in vogue many a woman would have to bite her tongue off to keep out of jail.—*Judge*.

—It isn't the man with the biggest library who is the best informed. Generally he has to yield gracefully to the man who has only a dozen books.

—Says an exchange: "There is force so strong in the realm of moral thought as sincerity." This is especially observed when a gentleman tells you if you don't leave in two minutes he'll kick you down stairs, and you know by the expression on his face that he means it.

—What Ailed Her.—

"I've eaten sausages; a look of pain  
 Stole over her chinless features;  
 Her hands flew back with might and main  
 Like two unbridled creatures.  
 She wriggled, panted, held her breath,  
 And writhed through every muscle.  
 "Great Jove!" I cried, "can this be death?"  
 "Guess not," a stranger near me saith;  
 "She's banchin' out her duette!"  
 —Cleveland Sun.

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ABOUT TOOTHPICKS.  
 The Use and Abuse of These Indispensable

The toothpick, when used with discretion and at proper times and in proper places, is an unobjectionable little instrument. Its occasional employment is, as a rule, necessary cleanliness and the preservation of the teeth. So also is the use of the tooth-brush. This adjunct of the toilet is, however, never used in public. The person who, after partaking of a meal, should proceed to publicly use his tooth-brush, would speedily find himself banished from decent society. Yet such action would be less objectionable to witness than the action of a gentleman who, after dining, would proceed to publicly use the tooth-pick. There is but one place in which it may be rightly used—the dressing room, and no person who has the slightest consideration for the feelings of decency will handle it anywhere else.

It would seem to be almost unnecessary to make such statements as those in the foregoing paragraph. No one possessing any delicacy of feeling

dream of overturning them. And yet the tooth-pick is daily increasing, and has already reached proportions that strike the foreign visitor with astonishment and disgust, and make the lives of many of our citizens any thing but agreeable.

The practice has doubtless grown owing to the large number of people who live or have lived in hotels and boarding-houses, where tooth-picks were furnished with the idea that

In no other country that the writer has ever visited have tooth-picks been

publicly used in private houses or in the presence of women. An English woman or a French woman of the better class not only never dreams of using a tooth-pick before people, but she considers it something that it is more pleasant not even to mention.

The subject is not an agreeable one to write about. It could have been

treated in a far more realistic manner, but this is one of the instances in which much may be profitably left for the intelligence of the reader to supply. There are, of course, hundreds

guiltless in this matter; there is, perhaps, an equal number who, through thoughtlessness or carelessness are not guiltless. It probably needs, however, only a hint to reclaim them. Should these lines have only a very limited effect, they will not have been

written in vain. — *Exoec.*

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